

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 2241Z 01 MAY 63

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TO : SEE BELOW

FROM : SSO DIA

ACTION: OSA/TC (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8)

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IN 74624

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TO: CINCPAC AFSSO PACAF SSO HAWAII CINCPACFLT AFSSO YOKOTA AFSSO 2ND AD  
 SSO ACSI DA CNO AFSSO USAF AFSSO SAC AFSSO STRIKE AFSSO TAC AFSSO AIC  
 OPCEN AFSSO DIA PROD CNTR

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MSG HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL

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NO CHANGE IN CLASS. ☐

1) DECLASSIFIED

CLASS. CHANGED TO: TS <sup>S</sup>C <sub>2011</sub>

NEXT REVIEW DATE:

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DATE: 11/9/81 REVIEWER: 037169

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SSOS PASS TO TCOS. AFSSO YOKOTA PASS TO ASPIC. OPCEN PASS TO NPIC.

SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION AND SECURITY HANDLING OF OVERHEAD RE-  
 CONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM.

THIS MESSAGE IN TWO (2) PARTS.

PART I. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM DIA, THE USIB THIS DATE HAS  
 RENDERED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION  
 AND HANDLING OF U-2 ACQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE LAOS AND  
 NORTH VIETNAM AREA:

A. ALL U-2 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM AREA WILL  
 BE CLASSIFIED SECRET AND HANDLED OUTSIDE OF THE TALENT CONTROL  
 SYSTEM.

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GROUP 1  
 Excluded from automatic  
 downgrading and  
 declassification

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B. THE U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS NOT PREVIOUSLY RELEASED FROM THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM AND DOWNGRADED TO SECRET (I.E., MISSIONS 3206, 3218, AND 3219) ARE APPROVED FOR RELEASE AND DOWNGRADING TO SECRET IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED TALENT DOWNGRADING PROCEDURES. NPIC WILL PROVIDE IBID ACQUISITION NUMBERS FOR THIS PHOTOGRAPHY ASAP.

PART II. FOR ASPIC. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO HANDLING AND PROCESSING OF FUTURE U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM THRU ASPIC;

A. RELATING TO MISSION 3221, IF ASPIC HAS NOT ALREADY TITLED THIS MISSION IN TALENT SYSTEM, IS IS TO BE CLASSIFIED SECRET, NOT IN TALENT SYSTEM. IF THIS MISSION HAS BEEN TITLED, ASPIC MAY DOWNGRADE DUPE MATERIAL CURRENTLY HELD TO SECRET IAW NORMAL PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, NO IBID ACQUISITION NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED ON MISSION 3221, SINCE IT WILL BE HANDLED IN ZI AT SECRET LEVEL, AND NOT IN TALENT SYSTEM. UNCLASSIFIED NICK-NAME FOR PI REPORTS ON FUTURE U-2 COVERAGE OF LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.

B. THE PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT FOR A SANITIZED SITSUM AND AN IN-SYSTEM PI REPORT ON U-2 MISSIONS OVER LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM IS HEREBY RESCINDED. ASPIC WILL NOW PREPARE A NORMAL SECRET IPIR ON ALL FUTURE U-2 MISSIONS OVER LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM PROCESSED THRU THEIR FACILITY, AND DISSEMINATE THIS IPIR TO THE SAME ADDRESSEES TO WHICH THE SITSUM AND IN-SYSTEM REPORTS WERE SENT.

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ALL FILM WILL BE CLASSIFIED AND TITLED SECRET, AND NOT IN TALENT SYSTEM.

C. CLASSIFICATION AND HANDLING OF OTHER RELATED SYSTEMS OF U-2 OVER LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM (I.E., TRACKER FILM) IS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION BY COMOR, AND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED ASPIC ON THIS SUBJECT.

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